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SUBJECT:ARREST OF JOURNALISTS AND PROFESSOR IN ZAMBIA

1) FEB. 1 WASHINGTON POST CARRIED STORY DATELINED LUSAKA JAN. 31 STATING THAT GRZ POLICE HAVE ARRESTED TWO BRITISH JOURNALISTS (BRUCE LOUDUN OF DAILY TELEGRAPH AND STUART DALBY OF FINANCIAL TIMES) AND BRITISH PROFESSOR (LEONARD CLIFFE, SENIOR LECTURER OF POLITICS AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA). STORY SAYS CLIFFE HAS AMERICAN WIFE, DORIS CLIFFE OF WASHINGTON, D.C.

2) DEPT. HAS RECEIVED INQUIRY FROM ANN SIEDMAN, WHO SAYS SHE IS FRIEND OF CLIFFES AND HAS TAUGHT IN ECONOMIC DEPT. AT UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA, ASKING (A) WHETHER CHARGES AGAINST JOURNALISTS AND PROFESSOR HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC SO THEY CAN DEFEND THEMSELVES AND (B) WHETHER DORIS CLIFFE HAS ASKED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE.

3) APPRECIATE ANY INFO POST CAN PROVIDE ON ARRESTS AND STATUS OF DORIS CLIFFE. INGERSOLL

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